IN RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE SE/C Middleborough & Elk Roads (Lot 28)

15th Flection District 5th Councilmanic District Evelyn H. Hutchinson Petitioner

* DEPUTY ZON' COMMISSIONER * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No. 89-295-A

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The Petitioner herein requests a lot width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 55 feet and a side street setback of 10 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet as more particularly described in Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

FINDINGS OF FACT IND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Petitioner, Evelyn Hutchinson, and Contract Purchasers, Raymond and Debbie Hiltz, appeared and testified. Also appearing and testifying on behalf of the Petition was David Hutchinson, son of Petitioner.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 1823 Middleborough Road (Lot 28), consists of approximately 15,000 sq.ft. zoned D.R. 5.5. and is located at the corner of Middleborough and Elk Roads within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas. The lot is part of the subdivision known as Middleborough which was originally recorded with 50-foot wide lots. Mrs. Hutchinson testified she and her husband purchased the subject property in 1956. Testimony indicated Petitioner owns no adjoining lots to meet the requirements of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) as to lot width. The Contract Purchasers are desirous of constructing a home on the subject property, however, due to the width of the lot and the fact that the property abuts Elk Road, the requested variances are necessary. Elk Road is a slag and gravel road which dead ends at the end of Petitioner's property. Testimony indicated Elk Road receives very little traffic. Petitioner argued the granting of the variance will not result in any detriment to the public health, safety or general welfare.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, in the opinion of the Zoning Commissioner, the relief requested sufficiently complies with the requirements of Sections 307.1, 307.2 and 500.14 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) and should therefore be granted. There is no evidence in the record that the subject variance would adversely affect the health, safety, and/or general welfare of the public. Furthermore, strict compliance with the B.C.Z.R. would result in practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship upon the Petitioner.

The facts and evidence presented tend to establish that special conditions or circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land or structures located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas of Baltimore County; that to deny the relief requested would result in practical difficulty, unreasonable hardship, or severe economic hardship upon the Petitioner; and that strict compliance with the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area requirements and the B.C.Z.R. would deprive the Petitioner of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in similar areas within the Chesepeake Bay Critical Areas in Baltimore County. The granting of the relief requested will not confer upon the Petitioner any special privilege that would be denied by the critical area regulations to other lands or structures within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas. Clearly, the request is not based upon conditions or circumstances which are the result of the Petitioner's actions, nor does the request arise from a condition relating to land or building use, either permitted or non-conforming, on another property. The relief requested is in harmony with the general spirit and intent of

the Critical Areas legislation for Baltimore County and conforms to the requirements as set forth in Section 500.14 of the B.C.Z.R.

In accordance with Section 500.14 of the B.C.Z.R., the Director of the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management has submitted recommendations which describe what steps the Petitioner must take to insure that the relief requested complies with the following Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas requirements to:

- 1) Minimize adverse impacts on water quality that result from pollutants that are discharged from structures or conveyances or that have run off from surrounding lands;
- 2) Conserve fish, wildlife, and plant habitat; and
- 3) Be consistent with established land use policies for development in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area which accommodate growth and also address the fact that, even if pollution is controlled, the number, movement, and activities of persons in that area can create adverse environmental impacts.

These recommendations shall be attached hereto and become a permanent part of the decision rendered in this case. There is no evidence in the record that the relief requested would adversely affect the health, safety, and/or general welfare of the public provided there is compliance with the requirements of the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management as more fully described below.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS, ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this $\frac{\int \Omega^0}{\int \Omega}$ day of May, 1989 that the Petition for Zoning Variance to permit a lot width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 55 feet and a side street setback of 10 feet in lieu of the required 25

test. In accordance with letitioner's Exhibit 1, he and as hereby (MARCE). subject, however, to the following restrictions which are positions process dent to the relief granted herein:

> 1) The Petitioner may apply for her fullgate terms: and be granted some upon receipt of this order; howeveor. Fetationer is horeby made aware that prodesding acthis time is at her own rick until much time out the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reverse; the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition; and,

IT IS FUFTHER CRDERED that the Potitioner small comply fully and

completely with all requirements and recommendations of the Department : Environmental Protection and Resource Management, as set forth in their comments dated November 25, 1988, attached hereto and made a part horect.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Mr. J. Robert Haines DATE: November 25, 1988 Zoning Commissioner

FROM: Mr. Robert W. Sheesley SUBJECT: Hutchinson Property Petition for Zoning Variance - Item #181

Subject property is located at the corner of Middleborough Road and Elk Road. The site is within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area and is classified as Limited Development Area.

The applicant has requested a zoning variance to permit a lot width of 50 feet and a side street setback of 10 feet in lieu of the required 55 feet and 25 feet, respectively.

In accordance with the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Program, all project approvals shall be based on a finding which assures that proposed projects are consistent with the following goals of the Critical Area Law:

- 1. "Minimize adverse impacts on water quality that result from pollutants that are discharged from structures or conveyances or that have runoff from surrounding lands;
- 2. Conserve fish, wildlife and plant habitat; and
- 3. Establish land use policies for development in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area which accommodate growth and also address the fact that even if pollution is controlled, the number, movement, and activities of persons in that area can create adverse environmental impacts."

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The proposed development will comply with Critical Area law provided that the zoning petition is conditioned with the following

1. Two major deciduous trees or four conifer trees shall be planted and maintained on the lot. A combination of these two tree types is acceptable provided that 2,000 square feet of tree cover is provided. A major deciduous tree is estimated to cover 1,000 square feet and a conifer, 500 square feet at

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- 2. Storm water ru- ff shall be directed from impervious surfaces associated with this petition to pervious areas to encourage maximum infiltration.
- 3. Rooftop runoff shall be directed through down-spouts and into a dry well of approved design to encourage maximimum infiltration (see attached dry well design).

Upon compliance with the above requirements, this project will be approved. Please contact Mr. David C. Flowers at 887-3980 if you require additional information.

> Robert W. Sheesley, Director Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management

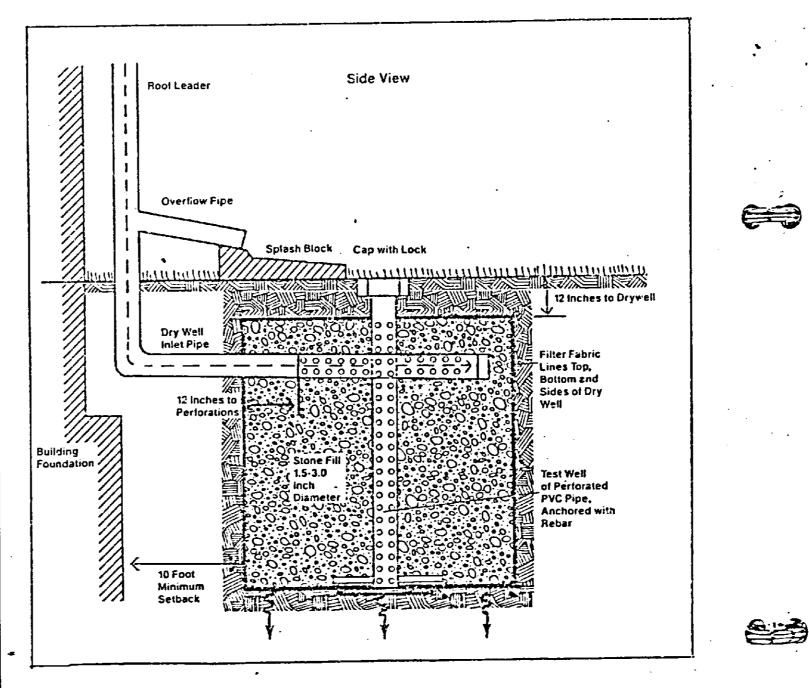
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cc: The Honorable Ronald B. Hickernell

DESIGN 4:

Dry Well Designs. (Figure 5.8). Dry wells are a basic trench variation which are designed exclusively to accept rooftop runoff from residential or commercial buildings (Figure 5.8). Additional guidance on dry well design is available from Md WRA (1984). Basically, the leader from the roof is extended into an underground trench, which is situated a minimum of ten feet away from the building foundation. Rooftop gutter screens are needed to trap any particles, leaves and other debris, and must be regularly cleared.

Figure 5.8: Dry Well Design (adapted from Md WRA, 1986)



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J. Robert Haines

May 1, 1989

Ms. Evelyn Hutchinson 331 Lorraine Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21221

RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE SE/C Middleborough and Elk Roads (Lot 28) 15th Election District - 5th Councilmanic District Evelyn H. Hutchinson - Petitioner Case No. 89-295-A

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe at 494-3391.

Very truly yours,

for Baltimore County

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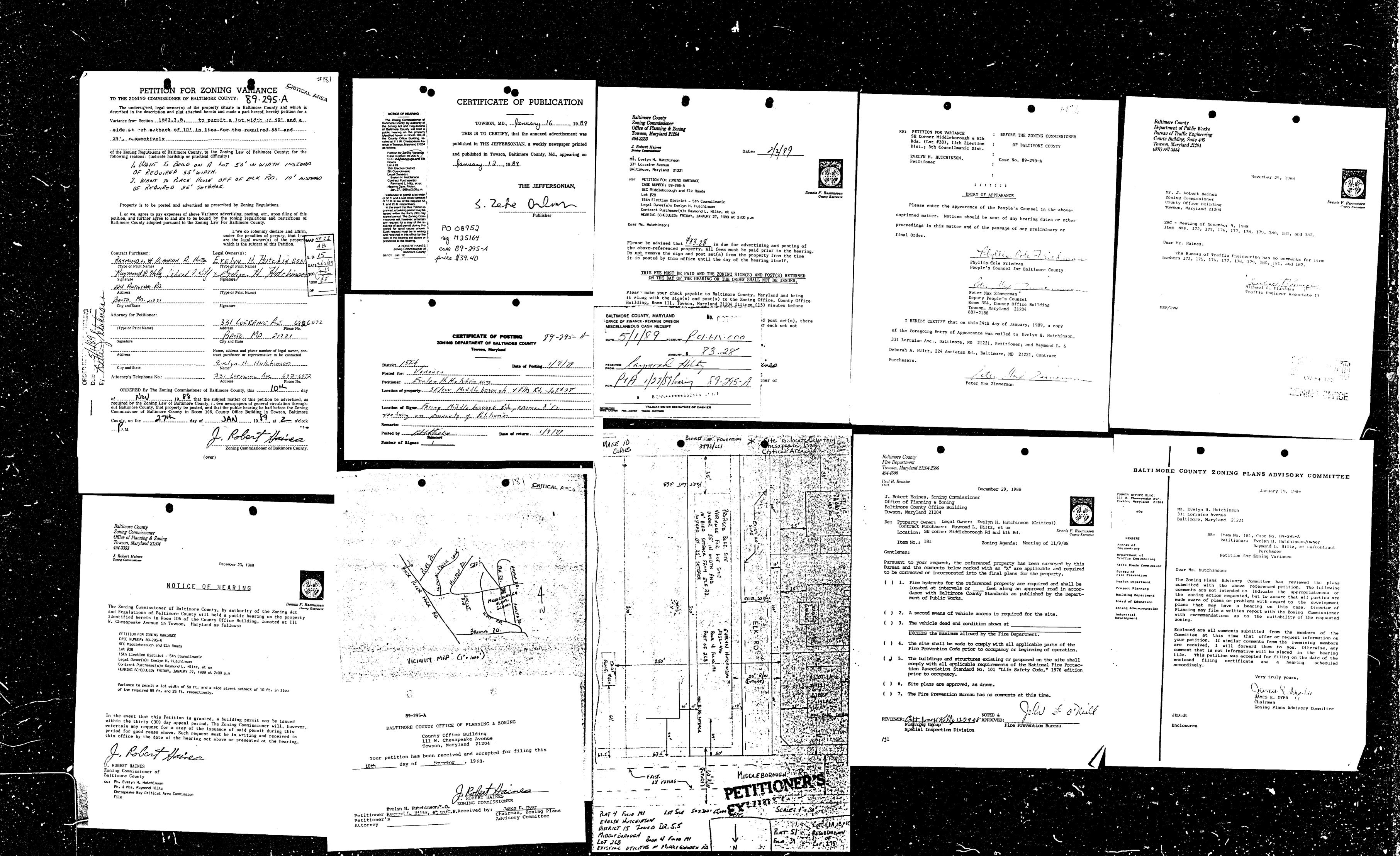
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Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of property, and public hearing on the Petition and it appearing that strict compliance with the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations would/would not result in practical difficulty and unreasor 510 hardship upon the Petitioner(s) and the granting of the variance(s) requested will/will not adversely affect the health, safety, and general welfare of the community, the variance(s) should /should not be granted.

BEGINNING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MIDDLEBOROUGH RD.

Beginning for the same at the corner formed by the intersection of the southernmost side of Middleborough Road and the easternmost side of Elk Road three hundred feet; thence southerly parallel with Elk Road three hundred feet; thence westerly parallel with Middleborough Road fifty feet to the east side of Elk Road three hundred feet to the place of beginning. Being the westernmost fifty feet of Lot No. 268 of Middleborough as shown upon a plat filed among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book W.P.C. No. 4, folio 191.